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Unsettling settlement

Class action lawsuit brings a coupon, good only for a new GM car, to customers who were overcharged \$200-\$250; law firm gets \$844,000.

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Plaintiffs involved in a nine-year-old class action lawsuit against General Motors left Lancaster County Court disappointed Tuesday.

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in what he described as one of the "hardest fought cases" he's seen doing his 24-year career, Judga Louis J. Farlins approved an agreement that orders the car grant to give \$200 repate certificates to people who bought new GM vehicles from state dealers between 1988 and early 1999.

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Debora Spradin, of Willow Street, lok: the court, "Giving me a certificate to

The case, Sopers v. General Motors, alleges that GM added 1 percent to the manufacturer's suggested retail price, or MSRP, of certain new vehicles it. sold to its dealers as part of a marketing program. The lawsuit also claimed dealers passed this amount on to buyers when they purchased cars, which violated Pannsylvania's Board of Vehicles.

The PBVA says manufacturers cannot require vehicle dealers to financially participate in advertising compaigns

GM derived any wrongdoing

According to court transcripts, complaints filed with the court Tuesday centered on the form of the settlement, rather than the monetary amount

"What I want to know and understand is why [the lawyers] can get paid all these thousands of dollars when I only want \$230 in cash," Spradin said, "Two hundred thirty dollars to these guys is nothing, but it is a lot to me. And to give me a certificate to go buy another car they deceived me on is just not right."

The \$200 rebate certificates are yeld only for the purchase of a new GM vehicle.

"This is an atropious settlement," said Roh Gibson, a Media, attorney independently representing two plainliffs, George and Karen Kairis, of Lake Whote. "In order to reap the benefit of this \$200 coupon, consumers are required. to make a purchase of \$20,000 or \$30,000 .... to get their \$200 benefit for what they overpaid for a vehicle before."

Attorneys' foos were also less than expected, primarily because of bad economic news affecting GM, said Juseph F Rode, a senior partner at RodaNast in Lancaster

Roda's firm, which represented the plaintiffs in the lawsur, voluntarily reduced its fees at Tuesday's hearing

Rode had originally sought more than \$2 million, but GM will now pay RodeNast about \$944,000 for legal tees and \$437,000 for out-of-packet expenses.

This is an extraordinary situation," Roda said. "The economy played a large part in this settlement. This was a much different looking case nine years ago or even one year ago.

Oting last week's announcement that GM was dropping its Pontize brand and appearably massive layoffs, the law firm chose to significantly reduce its demands for reimbursement.

" believe it was a reasonable decision under these circumstances," Roda sald.

The ruling affects consumers who bought new GM cars from Pennsylvania dealers on or before March 31, 1999, with these stipulations

"After Sept. 1, 1995, for Chevrolet or GMC truck vehicles.

\*After July 1, 1989, for Caditiac or Oldsmobile vehicles

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"After Aug. 1, 1990, for Buick vehicles.

Anyone who bought a new vehicle that talls into these categories is eligible for the coupon. An estimated 700,000 to 800,000 new GM vehicles were sold by Pennsylvania dealers during that time.

in total, consumers who bought the cars were overcharged about \$200 to \$250.

Recolvert said its settlement with GM will cover 6,000 billed work froms, frevet and deposition costs. Redelbast said about \$250,000 was spent on statewice add to inform people who might be eligible for the rebate.

The case was projectly fled in June 2000 on behalf of Donna Soders, of Lancaster, Soders purchased a new Portiac Grand Amin 1997 and paid the extra 1 percent fee. Socers was awarded \$5,000 by the court as part of a prior agreement.

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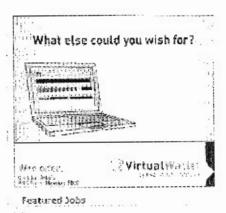
Last summer, Judge Farina recommended GM and RodaNast settle the case rather than take it to trial.

"It's a compromise." Rods said: "We wanted and would have preferred a cash sottlement, it was not abainable. CM

Had the case gone to a jury, "we wouldn't have had (any) final judgment for years." If any. Roda said. Even if the jury ruled in favor of the plantiffs, the case would have been subject to appeals.

Roda said that despite not petting dash reimbursement for the plaintiffs. The S200 coupon "falls squarely within the range of what the 1 percent meant to the class members.

"We believed that it was in the best interest of the (plaintiffs) to settle," he said,



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The spector of GM's bankruptcy late last year further complicated arbitration. Roda said.

if the car giant declared bankruptcy, "no one would have gotton anything," he said. "We had to be reasonable."

According to a Web site set up by Hilsoft Notifications, http://www.onepercentuase.com, buyers affected by the ruling must submit a datin form and proof of purchase by June 15 to receive the \$200 rebate coupon from GM.

The repate ivalid for three years, will be good toward the purchase or lease of a new GM vehicle.

Rode dign't know how many people would apply for the coupon. Calls made to Garden City Smup, a class action administrator group handling GM's payment in the case, were not returned.

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